CONFERENCE
WITH THE
EASTERN INDIANS

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1726

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With the Eaſtern Indians, at the Ratification of the PEACE, held at *Falmouth* in *Caſco-Bay*, in *July* and *Auguſt*, 1726.

Falmouth, in **Caſco-Bay**, July 16. 1726.

HIS Honour WILLIAM DUMMER Eſq; Lieut. Governour and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majeſty's Province of the *Maſſachuſetts Bay* in *New England*, with a Quorum of His Majeſty's Council of ſaid Province, Arrived here this Day, A Number of the Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, and others attending the Lieut. Governour, to receive the Ratification of the late Treaty of Peace from the *Eaſtern Indians*.

On the 21*ſt*. Currant, His Honour received a Letter from *Wenemouett*, Sagamore, Dated at *St. George's*, *July* 19*th*. 1726. in the words following, *Viz.*

GREAT GOVERNOUR,

THIS Day we ſaw Your Expreſs ſent to Capt Gyles, *wherein you ſay you expect to meet us at* Caſco-Bay, *but we inſiſt on meeting at* Pemmaquid, *by reaſon that* Caſco *is ſo far, and it's now a very buſy time with us, and we pray you would Condeſcend to us in meeting us there, and we will without fail meet you there; by reaſon you inſiſt on our now meeting, we can't have only our own Tribe, but we rather Chooſe to have thoſe of* Canada *&c. with us, through whoſe means we have been hindred meeting you 'till this time, We deſire your Anſwer with all Diſpatch, and are now waiting here for the ſame: And leaſt the Veſſel thro' Contrary Winds ſhould be detained, we have ſent a Canoo with two Men, who will bring us your Anſwer with all ſpeed: We Salute You Great Governour, and are your Friends, &c.*

his

Wenemouett Mark. *Sagamore.*

Which

Which being Communicated to His Majesty's Council, they were of Advice, that the following Letter should be wrote in Answer thereto, *viz.*

Wenemouett, } Falmouth, July 21*st.* 1726.
Chief Sachem, } at Five a-Clock Afternoon.

THIS Day at Three a-Clock Afternoon, we received such a Letter from you by the Schooner, in Answer to Ours, as we could not have expected, because contrary to your Engagements in your Treaty; You say you expect us at Pemmaquid, *under pretence of it's being a busy time, and the Difficulty of coming hither, you ought to have order'd your Business to Comport with your Engagements: We have been waiting here some days in Expectation of meeting you, to Ratify and Confirm the Peace according to the Articles Stipulated and Agreed on at* Boston *last Winter. Capt.* Sander's *who carries this Letter will tarry Three Days, and on his return you may if you please (by God's Permission) have safe Conduct & Passage hither with him, with as many as can be Accommoaated on Board the Sloop, fully prepared to Ratify the Articles agreed on, which is what we justly expect, having not failed of a Punctual and Honourable Compliance of what was engaged on our part; we bid you heartily farewell.* Wm. DUMMER.

Which Letter was } *John Wentworth.*
Signed } *P. Mascarene.*

Which Letter was accordingly Express'd per the Sloop Merry-meeting *Thomas Sanders* Master.

On the 23*d.* the aforementioned Indians came hither, and waited on the Lieut. Governour, with a Message from their Sagamore *Wenemouett*, That they were sent to know whether His Honour was Arrived here or not. The Lieut. Governour Acquainted them that the Lieut. Governour of *Piscataqua*, and Major *Mascarene* from *Nova-Scotia*, the same Gentlemen that were at the Treaty at *Boston*, were now with him here to receive the Ratification of the Treaty from the *Indian Tribes*: That he had received the Letter from *Wanemouett* their Sachem, and had wrote an Answer thereto per Capt. *Sanders*, but least that should miscarry, he would send a Copy of it by them: And they having refreshed themselves, and received Necessaries for their Return, were Dispatched about Six of the Clock that Evening.

On the 29*th. Wenemouett*, the Chief Sachem, with a Number of his Principal Men, & others, arriv'd in Capt. *Sanders* Sloop, and on the 30*th* the Conference for the Ratification of the Treaty was Entred upon, and Concluded the Sixth of *August*, as appears by the following Pages.

Anno

Anno Regni Regis GEORGIJ Magnæ Britanniæ &c. Duodecimo et Decimo Tertio.

AT a CONFERRENCE Begun and Held at *Falmouth*, in *Caſco-Bay*, *July* 10*th*. *Annoque Domini*, 1726. for the Ratification of the late Treaty of Peace, had with the *Eaſtern Indians* at *Boſton*, By and Between His Honour WILLIAM DUMMER Eſq; Lieut. Governour and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majeſty's Province of the *Maſſachuſetts-Bay* in *New-England*, The Honourable *William Tailer* Eſq; *John Wheelwright* Eſq; *Eliſha Cook* Eſq; *Joſeph Hammond* Eſq; *Samuel Thaxter* Eſq; *John Turner* Eſq; *Thomas Palmer* Eſq; His Majeſty's Council of ſaid Province being Preſent.

The Honourable JOHN WENTWORTH Eſq; Lieut. Governour, and Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Province of *New-Hampſhire* in *New-England*, being attended by *George Jaffrey* Eſq; *Shadrack Walton* Eſq; *Richard Wibird* Eſq; of His Majeſty's Council of ſaid Province. And Major PAUL MASCARENE, Commiſſioned by the Honourable LAURANCE ARMSTRONG Eſq; Lieut. Governour and Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Province of *Nova Scotia*, or *L' Acadie*.

On the One Part, And

WENEMOUETT Chief Sachem & Sagamore of the *Penopſcutt-Tribe*, *Eſpegneet* Second Chief of ſaid Tribe, *Edgeremouit*, *Souſack*, *Seconkii*, *Ceſar Moxis*, *Geneket*, *Decemanbo*, *Scowees*, *Guilieen*, *Victor Martyn*, *Haſſangk*, *Seauſeen Auguſtin*, *Stannezzes*, *Bartholomew*, *Francois Loron* Junr. *Francois Xavier*, *Louis*, *Paul Petteremenit*, *Haſſang*, Junr. *Arrexis*, Junr. *Pier*, *Souſack*, Junr. *Acteon*, Chiefs and others, of the ſaid Tribe of *Penobſcutt*, as well in behalf of the ſaid Tribe,, as of all the other Tribes of the Indians, mentioned in the aforeſaid Treaty, *Seguaron*, alias *Loron*, *Arexis*, *Francois Xavier*, *Mezanamoumba*, Four Indian Delegates that Sign'd the ſaid Treaty being alſo Preſent

On the other Part.

Lt. Gover. Dummer. I Am very glad to ſee you here, You are all Welcome to *Caſco*.

Indians. We come to wait on the Governour to know when it will be his

his Pleaſure that we ſhould ſee him again, in order for the Treaty. The Buſineſs requires haſte, and the Governour has been here a long time waiting; we want to have the Buſineſs over, that ſo we might get home again: All the Indians that are expected at the Ratification are now Arrived.

Lt. Gov. We will be ready at Three a Clock for the Treaty, in caſe you are ready, and it will ſuit you.

Indians. If the Governour will Fire a Great Gun when he is ready for the Treaty we ſhall know by that when to come off from the Iſland.

Lt.Gov. We will Fire a Gun,and hoiſt the Jack at the Maſt-head of the Commodore, for the Signal when we are ready.

Indians. It is the deſire of our Ancient Men that theGovernour would give Orders that all theVeſſels in the Harbour, and Taverns on the Shore, may be reſtrained from Selling our Young Men any Strong Liquor, which may prevent Miſchief.

Lt Gov. We approve very much of that, and ſhall give Orders accordingly.

Indians. We alſo deſire that any Veſſels that come in be reſtrained from Selling Drink to our Young Men, we wan't very much to get home,and deſire the Buſineſs may be done.

Lt.Gov. How many Indians are there in the whole.

Indians. About Forty.

Lt.Gov. You ſhall be ſupplyed with Proviſions needful for you. Then the Indians withdrew.

Poſt Meridiem.

PRESENT

Lieut. Governour DUMMER, with His Majeſty's Council of the *Maſſachuſetts Bay*, Lieut. Governour *Wentworth*, &c. and Major *Paul Maſcarene.*

WENEMOUETT, Chief Sachem &c. of the Indians :- Capt. *John Gyles*, Capt. *Joſeph Bane*, Capt. *Samuel Jorden*, who were Sworn to the True and Faithful Diſcharge of their Office in Interpreting in the preſent Negociation.

Lt Gov. of the Maſſachuſetts-Bay } *Interpreters*, You are now to Acquaint the Indians, that you have been Sworn well and truly and faithfully to Interpret in the Negociation now depending.

Indians.

Indians, We desire that Capt. *Jordan* may Interpret to us, because we understand him plainest, and the other two will stand by.

Lt.Gov. There is here Present the Lieut. Governour of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*, and His Majesty's Council of said Province, The Lieut. Governour of *New-Hampshire*, with several of His Majesty's Council of said Province, and Major *Paul Mascarene* from the Government of *Nova-Scotia* or *L' Acadia*, and we are come Pursuant to the Treaty of Peace lately had at *Boston*, and to receive the Ratification of the said Treaty from you. We are ready to ratify the Articles of the Treaty on Our Part, and we suppose you are also ready to Ratify the same on your Part, and that's what we have to say now.

Loron, Speaker. The Lieut.Governour has mentioned the same thing that we are come for, The Treaty we had the last Winter so far as it was then finished, There are none but the *Penobscut-Tribe* here at present, Others that we expected are not here at this Place, which is the Place the Government expected we should meet at, We sent Messengers to the other Tribes, and acquainted them of the time the Governour Appointed to meet, but that being so soon, they are not yet come, we sent to the *Canada Tribes* to come over to the Treaty according to the Time appointed by the Governour, but they have not come, they have sent a Letter, and two Wampom Belts, one to the *Governour*, and one to the *Penobscut-Tribe*.

Lt.Gov. Who do you mean by the *Canada* Indians.

Loron. We mean the *Narridgwocks*, *St.Francois* & *Wowenock* Indians.

Lt.Gov. What do you mean by giving an Answer to the *Canada* Indians Letter.

Loron. The *St. Francois* Indians as we have said sent to the Commissioners lately sent to *Canada*, and gave for Answer, that this Government should go to *Mount-Royal*, when we Treated with them, that so we should all be before Our Fathers.

Lt.Gov. What do you mean by the *Canada* Indians Letter, I never received any Letter of their's.

Loron. We mean the Belt that was sent.

Lt. Gov. Do you mean by the Letter any thing that was said at *Canada* before the Treaty was held at *Boston*.

Loron, Speaker. We mean only what was said at *Canada* this Spring, nothing before, When the Belt was sent to the Governour, meaning the *Canada* Indians Belt, there was Letters sent of the 30*th.* of *June* & 1*st.* of *July* from *Wenemouett* then at *St. Georges*, to desire that as the Governour was the furthest from the *Canada* Indians, that he would

ſend an Anſwer to *Wenemouett*, that we may both joyn in the Anſwer to the *Canada* Indians as we were Brothers.

Lt.Gov. You may go on, I would have you to ſay, all you have at preſent to ſay.

Loron. We tho't when we ſent the Letter and Belt from the *Canada* Indians, that we ſhould receive an Anſwer to it for Our further Proceeding, but inſtead of that we received the Governour's Direction to meet him here for the Ratification of the Treaty. As to the firſt Motions of Peace when we heard of it from the Governour we were very glad of it, and were ready to join in the Peace, and made Propoſals in order to effect it, and particularly about the Lands, and the *Engliſh* quitting the two Houſes, viz *Richmond* & *St. George's*, which the Government did not ſee cauſe to come into; if they had, we with the other Indians ſhould all have come into a Peace before now, and there would be no Difficulty with the others; not that the Houſes ſhould be removed at a great diſtance, but that the Houſe at *St. George's* ſhould be removed to *Pemmaquid*, and that at *Richmond* to *Arrowſick*, for the Trading-Houſes. As for the *Penobſcutt Tribe* they are ſo careful that they will do every thing that is juſt, That there ſhall be no Breach or Miſunderſtanding for the future, but that the Tribes round about us might approve of every thing we do, it was further mentioned in the Treaty, that if any of the Tribes ſhould riſe or break up what was therein Agreed on, or lift up the Hatcher, we ſhall all joyn in Suppreſſing them, and ſo we now Agree. We have nothing further to offer now.

Lt Gov. Beſides what I mentioned at firſt, that the ſeveral Governments are come down to receive the Ratification of the Peace from you, There are Gentlemen here preſent from the Government of the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts-Bay*, to Prove the *Engliſh* Rights to the Land Eaſtward, purſuant to the aforeſaid Treaty, ſo that you may perceive we are come fully provided to make good the Treaty on Our Part, according to the Articles Agreed on. That is all I have to ſay.

Loron. We have no more to ſay to Night.

Lt Gov. To Morrow is the Lord's-Day, upon which we do no Buſineſs. On Monday we will give you an Anſwer to what you have ſaid; and we will Order the ſame Signal when we are ready as we did to Day.

Loron. To Morrow is our Sabbath-day, and we alſo keep the Day.

Lt.Gov. We will take a Glaſs of Wine, and Drink the King's Health, and then you may Retire.

Monday

Monday Auguſt, 1ſt. 1726.

PRESENT as Before.

Lt.Gov of the Maſſachuſetts-Bay. WHAT we have now to ſay is in Writing, I will give it the Secretary, who will read it to you, and you may have time to conſider and give your Anſwer to it.

GENTLEMEN,

Before we proceed it is neceſſary that you give us a true and full Account why the Narridgwock Indians *are not here, as you have engaged for them in the Treaty made at* Boſton *which now lies on the Table : We have conſidered of what you ſaid to us, at our meeting on Saturday laſt, and as to the Propoſals of the* Narridgwock *& other Tribes, that the Treaty be held at* Mount-Royal, *we ſay that's its contrary to the Articles of Peace made at* Boſton, *and therefore deſerves no Anſwer, and you know that we always told you, that it was beneath the Honour of the* Engliſh Government *to Treat with the* Indians *in a* French Country, *and as to the Inſinuations of the* Canada Indians, *that our Commiſſioners begun a Treaty there, it is not true, for our Commiſſioners were ſent there to Demand of the* French Governour *in the Name of* King GEORGE *not to aſſiſt the* Indians *in the War againſt us, and alſo to Reſtore all the* Engliſh Captives *in that Government, which they declared to the Governour of* Canada *as ſoon as they Arrived, and that they had no other Buſineſs in that Country.*

As to the Two Houſes you except againſt, you may Remember you were told at Boſton, *that* King GEORGE *had a Right to build Houſes where he pleaſed within his Dominions, and we have not built any Houſes on Lands in the* Eaſtern Parts *but what we have Purchaſed, and are ready to prove the Title, and that the Houſes mentioned were not kept for Offence after the* Ratification, *but as they were moſt Conveniently Scituated in the Judgment of the Government of the* Maſſachuſetts *for Supplying the* Indians, *which we then concluded you had reſted ſatisfied with, and you may depend that we ſhall not depart from that or any other of our Engagements : This is all we have to ſay to you at Preſent, if you deſire it, it ſhall all be repeated to you over again.*

Indians. We deſire time to conſider of what has been ſaid, and we will make an Anſwer.

Lt.Gov. It ſhall be allowed you.

Wenemouett,

Wennemouett. When the two firſt went to *Boſton*, we had not full Power to act, & to do for the Tribes; but when *Loron* return'd from *Boſton* to *Penobſcut*, then I ſent a Young Man with him to *Arreraguntecook*, and they were all very ready to come into what the *Penobſcuts* ſhould do as to the Treaty, and we had full Power Delegated to us to act for the *Narridgwocks*, *Wowenocks*, and *Arreraguntecooks* and *St. Francois*, but the reaſon of the *Narridgwocks* not coming in is altogether as new to us as it can be to you.

Lt.Gov. Did the Belt come from the *Narridgwocks*.

Wenemouett, No they had no Hand in it.

Lt.Gov. We expect you will ſend us word when you are ready with your Anſwer to what we have ſaid to day.

Wenemouett. We will let you know when we are ready.

Lt.Gov. If there be any thing we can be ſerviceable to *Wenemouett* in he may have it, I ſee he is not well. For which he returned his Thanks to the Lieut. Governour.

Tueſday, Auguſt 2d. 1726.

PRESENT as before.

Lt.Gov. of the Maſſachuſetts-Bay. I Am ready to hear what you have to ſay.

Loron. We will now give our Anſwer to what was ſaid Yeſterday. And firſt give the Reaſon why the *Narridgwock* Tribe is not here, we ſhall be very Plain, and tell the Truth and nothing but the Truth why they are not here. We ſent a Meſſenger over to the *Narridgwocks*, *St.Francois*, and *Wowenocks*, for them to come over here to the Treaty, to hear what was ſaid, when tne Meſſengers were got to thoſe Tribes they diſcourſed 'em and deliver'd their Meſſage to come over here, but the *St.Francois*, *Winnenocks*, and the *Narridgwocks*, made Anſwer that they would have the *Penobſcutt* Chiefs with theſe Governments come over there to hear the Treaty, There were Six of the *Narridgwock* Indians came over to *Penobſcutt* this Spring, they miſſed of the Meſſengers that were ſent from *Penobſcutt* to *Narridgwock*; then Two went back and Four ſtaid till the *Penobſcutt* Meſſengers return'd with an Anſwer from the *St. Francois*, &c. with the two Belts; the Four *Narridgwock* Indians that tarried behind would have come here and have been preſent at the Ratification, but the Belts being ſent occaſioned

occaſion'd their not coming, When the Belts came to *Penobſcutt*, we had Advice then from the Governour of the *Maſſachuſetts* of his coming down to the Ratification, and the Four *Narridgwock* Indians told the *Penobſcutts*, to go on, and what ever they did was all one as if they were Preſent, and the *Narridgwocks* after that went to *Canada*.

Lt.Gov. Is this the laſt Account you have had of the *Narridgwock* Indians?

Loron. It's but a little while ſince they went away, and we have not heard from them ſince, The laſt Man that went away, when he went off he ſaid he would go foremoſt to the *Arreſaguntecook* Indians, & diſcourſe 'em on the Meſſage they have ſent, expecting that the Government and the *Penobſcutt* Chiefs will give an Anſwer alſo to the Belts as we are Brothers. This is what we Anſwer as to the Firſt Part of what was ſaid to us Yeſterday. Now we proceed to make Anſwer to the Second Part of Yeſterdays Diſcourſe. Every thing of the Treaty is very plain to us, and there is nothing in the way excepting the Two Houſes; in caſe they could be removed a little further in, as we mentioned Yeſterday. The Governour was mentioning that he would Settle no Lands, but what good Rights & Titles might be ſet forth to, & in caſe the Lands were Sold, we have a Number of Young People growing up who never were Acquainted of the Lands being Sold, The Government is a Great and Rich Government, and if the Lands were Sold, they were Sold for a ſmall matter, and Coſt but little, and it would be but a ſmall matter for the Government to make Allowance for them, and give them up.

Lt.Gov. What do you mean by making Allowance for the Lands.

Loron, We deſire that no Houſes or Settlements may be made to the Eaſtward of *Pemmaquid*, or above *Arrowſick*, As for the *Penobſcutt* Tribe in particular, we don't know that ever they Sold any Lands, That's all we have to ſay.

Lt Gov. We ſhall be ready to make you an Anſwer to Morrow Morning at Nine a-Clock, and ſhall Order the Signal to be made for you.

Wedneſday Auguſt, 3d. 1726.

PRESENT as Before.

Lt.Gov.of the Maſſachuſetts. WE have Conſidered your Motion, That we would remove thoſe two Houſes on *Kennebeck* and *St. George's-Rivers* a little further in, to which we Anſwer, That thoſe Houſes are on Lands Purchaſed by His Majeſty's Subjects, which we are ready by Commiſſioners appointed by the Go-

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vernment of the *Maſſachuſetts-Bay* for that Affair, to make evident to you, (altho' the *Narridgwocks* are not Preſent) by producing fair Deeds under the Hands of the *Sachems* of thoſe Countrys for the ſame, as well as divers Treaties wherein you Allow'd and Confirm'd to the *Engliſh* all the Lands formerly Poſſeſſed by them, which Commiſſioners are here preſent for that Service, Thoſe Lands being for a long time ſince Purchaſed by His Majeſty's Subjects, and the Property Veſted in them, the Government cannot Diſclaim them; And now as you have aſſured us, that you very well know all the Articles of the Peace which was made at *Boſton*, and that you are ready to come hither to Ratify them, ſo we are alſo ready to receive the ſaid Ratification, and now expect that it ſhall be done accordingly. We have no more to ſay, but to demand of you what *Engliſh* Captives you have ready to Exchange, Purſuant to an Article of the Treaty on that behalf. We have ſaid what we have to ſay now, and will take a Walk out for a little time if you deſire it, and give you an Opportunity of adviſing one with another here.

Indians, We thank the Governour, We are the ſmalleſt in Number and we will walk out, we can beſt bear the heat of the Sun, and the Indians accordingly retired.

Poſt Meridiem.

Loron. We have been tho'tful of, and Conſulted what was ſaid to Day, and now will give Anſwer to it. We underſtood the Governour was tho'tful why the *Narridgwock* Indians were not here, We are alſo tho'tful, It is a Hindrance, ſo far as we ſhould be glad they ſhould be ſent for again, We are of Opinion if they ſhould be ſent for they would appear here forthwith, the reaſon why we mention this is becauſe we would be very careful in what we do in our Proceedings, that none ſhould break in upon our Proceedings, we ſhould be very ſorry if any thing ſhould happen amiſs as to what we have done, we are not knowing that any are deſign'd or intend to break our Treaty, but we are very tho'tful and Concern'd that none ſhall do it. We inſiſt upon the removal of thoſe two Houſes which was mentioned laſt Winter, we again make mention of them now, and if they were removed there would be no Difficulty among the Tribes. We can't find any Record in our Memory, nor in the Memory of Our Grand-Fathers that the *Penobſcutt* Tribe have Sold any Land, As to the Deeds mentioned laſt Winter, made by *Medoccewanda* and *Sheepſcut John*, they were not *Penobſcutt* Indians, one belonging to *Mechias Medockewondo*, the other towards *Boſton*, If we could find in reality that the Lands were Purchaſed of the right Owners, we ſhould not have inſiſted upon it, nor have opened our Mouths, we would not pretend to tell a Lye about it, for we know that God will be angry with the Man that tells a Lye, We do not remember of any Settlements at *St. George's*,

George's, we remember a pretty while, and as long as we remember, the Place where the Garriſon ſtands was fill'd with Great Long Grown Trees. As to the mentioning of Priſoners as we told you laſt Winter, we had not one in our whole Tribe, ſo we ſay now, we have not one Priſoner in our Tribe, if we had we would have bro't 'em in long before now, all the Priſoners we took as we took them they were return'd to *Boſton*, or ſent to *Canada* to the French, and thoſe that are among the French we have no Command of; We mention it over again, that if we had any Priſoners we ſhould have brought 'em in long ago, for we underſtand it that the Peace was Concluded at the Signing the Articles almoſt a Twelve-month ago, All the Controverſy now is about a ſmall Tract of Land, which is but a Triffle, and all is finiſhed excepting that, which is a Triffle. We have nothing further to offer now.

Lt.Gov. What do you mean by having the *Narridgwocks* ſent for, and that they would be here if they were ſent for, Are they within Call do you know?

Indians. We believe if they were ſent for they would be here ſome time this Summer, we know where they were left.

Lt. Gov. Where do you ſuppoſe the *Narridgwock* Indians are now.

Loron. We ſuppoſe they are at *Arreſeguntecook*, *Wewoonock*, or *Saint Francois*, ſcatter'd among them Tribes.

Lt.Gov. The Committee for Claims are here, ready in the Preſence of all the Governments here Aſſembled to ſet forth the Titles of the *Engliſh* to the Lands in the Eaſtern Parts of this Government.

Then the Committee made a Beginning to ſhew the Deeds of the Sagamore's *to the Lands about* St. George's-River, *and after ſome time ſpent therein, the Indians deſired to refer the further Proceedings of that matter to ſome other time, when they would take an Opportunity to conſider of it.*

Thurſday, Auguſt 4th. 1726.

PRESENT as Before.

THE Committee for Claims per the Lieut. Governour's Permiſſion, had a Conference in the fore-part of the Day with the Tribe, when they ſat forth the Engliſh *Titles & Claims to the Lands in the* Eaſtern Country, *which may more particularly appear by the ſaid Committee's Report. After which the Conference was proceeded in, Viz.*

Lt. Gov. of the Maſſachuſetts. You have been with the Committee this Morning, and I truſt they have given you Satisfaction concerning the Lands in Diſpute, and you may be aſſured that you ſhall al-

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ways have equal Juſtice with His Majeſty's *Engliſh* Subjects in all Points, when ever any Difficulty ſhall ariſe concerning the Property of Lands or any other Matters. We have waited long eno' already for the *Narridgwock* Indians, in order to their coming to Ratify the Treaty that you have made for your Selves, and others your late Confederates, wherein you oblige your Selves to bring them in, or joyn your Young Men to reduce them to Reaſon. We now juſtly expect the Ratification, and accordingly tender the ſame to you now.

Lieut. Gover. Proceeded. *Inaſmuch as I ſee you are not all here Preſent by a conſiderable Number, I expect you all appear to Morrow Morning, and be preſent at the Ratification, and what has been ſaid ſhall be repeated to you if you deſire it.*

Indians. We underſtand it very well.

Loron. We have been tho'tful of what has been ſaid to us this Morning reſpecting the Lands, as well as what the Governour has ſpoken to us at this time concerning the Articles. We ſuppoſe you can't bring to paſs what we have been propoſing concerning giving way, We reckon the Governour was the firſt mover in bringing forward the Peace, and having a good Settlement among us, now we think we ſhall go beyond and further than ordinary to effect a good Underſtanding, As to the Houſe at *St. George's*, which lies at our Door as it were, we ſubmit that it ſhall be a Truck-Houſe, and that no other Houſes be built there or thereabouts, but that that Houſe remain as a Truck-Houſe for the *Penobſcut* Tribe. We deſire Brothers as we have ſo good an Underſtanding together that there be no other Houſes built there, unleſs it be by Purchaſe or Agreement, The Neighbouring Tribes have already told us that we ſhould go on with the Treaty with good Underſtanding and Courage, and ſettle every thing, That if a Line ſhould happen to be Run, the Engliſh may hereafter be apt to ſtep over it, ſo that every thing they deſire may now be Settled Strong. We are in hopes, Brothers, that what we have offered is to your Acceptance, This is all we have to ſay now.

Lt. Gov. Do you agree to bring over all your People with you to Morrow Morning to Sign the Articles for the Ratification, if you do, I ſhall then ſay to you, all I have to ſay in Anſwer to what you have now ſaid.

Indians. We reckon we are all ready for the Ratification now.

Lt Gov. What I ſhall have to ſay to you to Morrow will not be New, I have ſaid almoſt the ſame to you already, which I ſhall ſay to Morrow, but if you deſire to have my Anſwer now you ſhall.

Indians. What the Governour pleaſes.

Lt. Gov. I ſhall then put you in mind of what I told you juſt now reſpecting

ing the Settling the Lands at *St. George's-River*, and that is, that you ſhall have equal Juſtice in all Points with the Subjects of His Majeſty King GEORGE, either in Controverſies reſpecting the Property of Lands, or any other Matter whatſoever, we don't ſuppoſe that any Gentlemen that come to produce or offer Claims of Lands there ſhall be their own Judges, but it ſhall be determined by Lawful Authority, wherein the Indians ſhall have the Benefit of the Law, equal with any Engliſhman whatſoever, and this you may be aſſured of, for we don't expect a Peace to laſt on any other footing than that of Juſtice.

Indians. We are very well pleaſed with what is ſaid.

Lt.Gov. This is all that can be ſaid to your laſt offer, and I ſhould deſire no more might be ſaid to me, if it were my own Caſe.

Indians. For want of that there has been Miſunderſtandings.

Lt.Gov. I hope it will never be ſo again, and I truſt it won't, and that is the mind of the whole Government of *New-England*, we hope this will be a better and more laſting Peace, than ever was made yet, and that it will laſt to the End of the World.

Indians. We hope it will and rejoyce at it.

Lt. Gov. Some Gentlemen have been in doubt, whether you have rightly underſtood me, in what has been now ſaid to you, That is if there ſhould be any Diſpute or Controverſy hereafter, between the *Engliſh* and you, reſpecting the Titles or Claims of Lands, and after a fair and lawful Tryal, if the *Engliſh* cannot make out and prove their Titles to the Lands Controverted, they ſhall diſclaim them, but if the *Engliſh* can make out their Titles, then the *Indians* ſhall diſclaim the Lands ſo Controverted.

Indians. We underſtand it very well, and agree to it, that it ſhall be ſo, the Controverſies we underſtand are to be Determined by Impartial Judges, and diſintereſted Perſons appointed for that purpoſe, to do equal Juſtice.

Lt. Gov. It is very well, I expect you to Morrow to ratify the Articles, and take a Dinner with me.

Friday Auguſt, 5th. 1726.

PRESENT as Before, And a Conſiderable Number of Gentlemen &c. Attending.

Lt. Gov. of the Maſſachuſetts. THE Articles of the Treaty ſhall be diſtinctly read, and faithfully Interpreted to you.

While the Articles were in Reading, immediately after the Article reſpecting Trade, the Indians by their Speaker *Loron*, acquainted the Lieut. Governour that they had been told the Prices of Goods would be raiſed when the Ratification was over.

The Lieut. Governour anſwered them, that they might be aſſured, that the Goods always were, and ſtill ſhould be, bought with ready Money, and that the Government would not make any new Advance on their Goods, and for a Proof of it, they would always be ſenſible and find that the Government would ſupply them Cheaper than any other People whatſoever, That they are Acquainted with the Nature of Markets, that they are ſometimes higher and ſometimes lower.

After the Articles were read, and the Interpreters had finiſhed, *Loron* made a ſecond motion, and informed the Lieut. Governour, that it had been reported that the Articles of Peace which were delivered to him, and the other Delegates at *Boſton*, were not of the ſame Purport with thoſe they Depoſited and left in the Hands of the Government, and therefore deſired that an Exchange might be made of the Articles they carried with them to *Penobſcutt*, with thoſe left in the Hands of the Government, in order to their being Enabled to confute ſuch Reports: Which was readily granted them by the Lieut. Governour, to the apparent Satisfaction of the whole Tribe. The Articles being Interpreted to the Indians, the Lieut. Governour asked them whether they thoroughly underſtood them.

Indians. We perfectly underſtand them all.

Lt. Gov. It is Neceſſary to write the words of the Ratification before you Sign your Names.

Indians. May we not have a Copy of the Conference.

Lt Gov. You ſhall have a Copy of it, as ſoon as it can be prepared.

The Ratification of the Treaty which is Endorſed on the Original Articles was read over Diſtinctly and Interpreted to the Indians in the Words following, *Viz.*

WE the Underwritten *WENEMOUETT* Chief Sachem & Sagamore of the *Penobſcutt* Tribe, and Others the Chiefs, with the reſt of the ſaid Tribe now Convented having had the within Articles of Peace Diſtinctly and Deliberately Read over and Interpreted to us.

DO BY THESE PRESENTS in a Publick and Solemn Manner, as well for Our Selves as for all the within mentioned Tribes, from whom we are Delegated and fully Impowred, RATIFY AFFIRM and CONFIRM All and Singular the within written Articles of Peace To HIS MOST SACRED MAJESTY KING GEORGE, and that the ſame and each of them be, and ſhall Continue and Remain to be, in full Force, Efficacy and Power to all Intents and Purpoſes whatſoever. DONE and CONCLUDED at *Falmouth* in *Caſco-Bay*, before His Honour *WILLIAM DUMMER* Eſq; Lieut. Governour and Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Province of the *Maſſachuſetts-Bay* in *New-England*, and His Majeſty's Council of ſaid Province. The Honourable *JOHN WENTWORTH* Eſq; Lieut. Governour of His Majeſty's Province of *New-Hampſhire*, and ſeveral of His Majeſty's Council

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of said Province, and Major *PAUL MASCARENE*, Delegated from His Majesty's Province of *Nova-Scotia* or *L'Acadie*, and the several Gentlemen that Subscribe hereto.

WITNESS Our Hands and Seals the Fifth Day of *August*, in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE, By the Grace of GOD of *Great Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annoque Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Six.

Indians. We suppose the Governour intends to Ratify the Articles he Sign'd to us at the Treaty.

Lt.Gov. Yes, I will Ratify them under my Hand and Seal when you have finished. Do you understand what has been Now Read, and Consent to it.

Indians. After some Consultation, We understand it well and Consent to it, and then *WENEMOUETT* the Chief Sachem with the aforenamed Chiefs and Others, set their Hands and Seals to the Ratification.

Saturday, August 6th. 1726.

PRESENT as Before, And a Considerable Number of Gentlemen and Others Attending.

Lt.Gov of the Massachusetts. I Am now come to Ratify and Confirm the Instrument which I gave to you at the Signing the Articles of Peace, I have already Endorsed the Ratification on that I keep by me, and if you will give me Yours, the Secretary will Endorse the same thereon, which was accordingly Done, and is in the words following, *Viz.*

By the Honourable WILLIAM DUMMER Esq;

Lieut. Governour and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England.*

WHEREAS WENEMOUETT *the Chief Sachem of* Penobscut, *with Others His Chiefs, and the rest of said Tribe, Convented at* Casco-Bay *the Fifth Day of* August 1726. *Having Solemnly and Publickly Ratified the Treaty of Submission made at* Boston *the Fifteenth Day of* December *last, and delivered the same to me, which I have accordingly Accepted. I do hereby* RATIFY *and* CONFIRM *all the Articles in the within mentioned Instruments.*

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at *Falmouth* in *Casco-Bay*, the Sixth Day of *August*, in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sove-

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reign Lord GEORGE, By the Grace of GOD of *Great Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annoque Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Six.

WILLIAM DUMMER, (*L. S.*)

By Command of His Honour the Lieut.Governour.
John Wainwright,
Clerk of the Council.

The aforesaid Ratification was Signed in the Presence of a Considerable Number of Spectators, Gentlemen, and Others, who Subscribed as Witnesses, and then Deliver'd to the Indians.

A Copy of the said Ratification was Endorsed on the Instrument Lieut. Governour *Wentworth* gave the Indian Delegates at the Signing the Treaty at *Boston*, and Publickly Executed by him in the Presence of the before mentioned Witnesses who also Subscribed.

Lt Gov. The Instrument that Major *Mascarene* gave you at the Signiug the Treaty in Behalf of the Government of *Nova Scotia* or *L'Acadie*, will be Ratified and Confirmed to any Persons you shall send on your behalf to the Governour at *Annapolis-Royal.*

In Behalf of the Government of the *Massachusetts* I shall make you some small Presents. I am very much Disappointed when I come to see the Things which I design'd to make a Present of to you, for they are not so Good as I expected, but soon after (it shall please GOD) I arrive at *Boston*, I shall see the Great Court, to whom I shall heartily recommend you as good Friends, Confederates and Neighbours, Acquainting them of your Ready and Chearful Compliance with your Engagements in Ratifying and Confirming the Articles of Peace made at *Boston*, which doubtless will have a proper Consideration, and therefore I shall be very glad then to see you the Chief Sachem WENEMOUETT, with two or three of your Principal Men attending you at *Boston.*

Then His Honour Ordered the Presents to be Delivered. And Proceeded, There were Two of your Young Men sent to *Canada* last Year, in the Service of this Province, I would see them, that I might make them a Consideration for their Trouble & Loss of Time in performing the Message, upon which only one of them, viz. *Loron's* Son appeared, the other the Sachem said was left at *Penobscut*, the Lieut. Governour taking two fine Firelocks in his

his Hand, preſented one to him that was preſent, the other His Honour delivered to the Chief Sachem *Wenemouett*, deſiring of him that it might be given to the other Young Man.

Lt.Gov. I deſign to Confer with you on Monday next to Conſult the Common Good, ſo that there remains nothing further at preſent but to Rejoyce with one another.

Loron. We make bold to mention to the Governour one thing, that when we were at *St. George's* we deſired a Veſſel to bring us here, ſo as we are now ſhort of Canoes, we deſire the Governour would ſupply us with a Veſſel to carry us back again.

Lt.Gov. I will take care that a ſmall Veſſel be provided to carry you back.

Indians. We are very thankful to the Governour. What Place does your Honour appoint we ſhould Rejoyce at.

Lt.Gov. Upon the Riſing Ground before us at the Point.

The Conference was Concluded this Day with Publick Rejoycing accordingly.

CONFERENCE Continued.

Tueſday Auguſt, 9th. 1726.

PRESENT the Lieut. Governour and Council of the *Maſſachuſetts*, And Major *MASCARENE.*

WENEMOUETT, Chief Sachem with the Other Indians. } Capt. *John Gyles*, Capt. *Samuel Jordan*, } Interpreters.

Lt. Gov. WE ſhould have ſeen you ſooner, but a great deal of our Time has been taken up in preparing a fair Draught of the Conference ſo far, and comparing it with the Minutes, our own Particular Buſineſs has not hindred us from ſeeing you before.

Good Friends, *Whereas the Articles of Peace now ſtand Ratified and Confirmed on your part, for and in behalf of your Selves and Others the Tribes of the* Eaſtern Indians, *particularly made mention of in the aforeſaid Articles, ſo that you and we ought to go about our Neceſſary & Lawful buſineſs, without the leaſt hazard or danger from one another, touching Our Perſons or Eſtates, and a Friendly Communication kept up and perpetuated*

among us : But inasmuch as the Narridgwocks *and other Tribes, did not Personally appear at the late Solemn & Publick Ratification, We justly fear that the Inhabitants on the Frontiers will be in a great measure retarded, and put by from improving their Lands & Estates there on that Account, until the aforesaid Tribes do personally manifest their Approving and Consenting to what you have so Wisely & Maturely done for them.*

We cannot therefore part with you without letting you know that it will greatly tend to your Good as well as our Peace & Quiet, to remove all suspicion of Mischief on this score, that the Beneficial Ends proposed by us all may be fully effected, and by the Blessing of GOD out of the power of any ill-minded Person to break in upon the same : We do therefore strenuously urge, that you let us know what steps you intend to take with those Tribes, and that you resolutely pursue and bring to pass what we now move to you, & justly expect your punctual and ready Compliance therewith.

Loron. As to what the Governour was mentioning in the first part of what he has now said, that the Inhabitants on the Frontiers will be afraid of making Improvements, it is also so with us, we are Concern'd since we have not seen them, We could make Answer to the Governour's Speech now, but we will consider of it till the Afternoon, and shall then be more particular in our Answer.

Lt. Gov. We will take care of Provisions for your Dinners.

Post Meridiem.

Loron. We will now mention to the Governour what the Thoughts of the Chiefs are. The Governour was mentioning unto us to day that he would have us to say what we proposed to help those Persons that would be uneasy in the Frontiers, upon account of the *Narridgwocks*, &c, not being present at the Ratification ; Its the Nature and Custom of the Indians, whenever they send a Letter or Belt to any Nation, to expect an Answer to their Letter : when any of us write a Letter, we expect a full Answer to the Contents of it, altho' the Subject-matter thereof is not liked, we desire the Governour to mention what Answer he designs to send in Answer to the Belt, or that he would say if he desires it that we would express our Answer to it, We mention this because we understand it that the Belt was sent to us both, and therefore propose that the Governour would make an Answer first to it if he pleases.

Lt. Gov.

Lt Gov. A proper Anſwer from you to what I ſaid to you in the Morning will contain an Anſwer to the Belt.

Loron. The Matter would be more weighty if the Governour would begin in the Anſwer.

Lt.Gov. I am ready to hear what your propoſe in order to joyn with you in the Anſwer to the Belt.

Loron. We will now make our Anſwer to the Tribes at *Arreſeguntecook*, and our Anſwer unto them is as follows, *Viz.*

We ſay Brothers, we are not able to make you an Anſwer to your Belt, *wherein you ſent for us, becauſe the time is paſt for our* Ratification *of the Articles of the Treaty, We ſay Brothers, We wonder you ſhould deſire us to come over into that Country to Treat, which is a Place where we have no being. This Country is the Place where we belong to, and where the Treaty was begun, and where we think it ought to have been carried on.* This is what we have to ſay in Anſwer to the Belt.

Lt. Gov. We will take it into Conſideration, and deſire you would give us an Anſwer to what we ſaid in the Morning.

Loron. We have nothing further to propoſe, we ſhall have a Great Meeting in a little time, and ſhall agree what to ſay further to the *Arreſeguntecooks.*

Lt. Gov. So far as you have ſpoken I take to be a proper Anſwer for you to make as to the Belt. I deſire now you will ſay what Meaſures you propoſe to take, whereby the Inhabitants on our Frontiers may be made Eaſy and Safe notwithſtanding the *Narridgwocks* &c. did not perſonally appear to Ratify the Articles of the Treaty, agreeable to what I ſaid in the Morning.

Loron. As to the Inhabitants on the Frontiers, we would have them be very Careful, and as ſoon as we return home it ſhall be our firſt Care to ſend to all the Tribes, that there is a Peace made.

Lt.Gov. Will you lay your Commands and Injunctions on the other Tribes for that purpoſe as far as you are able.

Loron. We will do our utmoſt to oblige 'em to live peaceably towards us.

Lt.Gov. Do you ſay you will reſent it, if any Hoſtile Acts or Injuries ſhould be committed againſt our People.

Loron. We will reſent ſuch Actions, and joyn our Young Men with yours in ſuch Caſe, and Oblige 'em to be quiet and ſet down; We mean in Caſe any of the Tribes ſhould riſe againſt us, or reſiſt us, we will take Effectual Means to ſet 'em down by Force. As to the firſt Treaty we

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reckoned our Selves obliged to this, but we account we are under much more and ſtronger Obligations to do it now, ſince the Engagements Our whole Tribe have taken upon 'em in Ratifying the Articles of the Treaty, and ſhall take Effectual Care that any ſuch Perſons be Obliged to ſet down. Major *Maſcarene* told us the Government of *Annapolis* would Ratify the Treaty if we would ſend any Perſons there on our behalf for that purpoſe, we don't ſuppoſe he is now going to *Annapolis*, but when he Arrives there we would pray him to take care that that Government would ſend a Veſſel for us to go there to Ratify the Articles of the Treaty, becauſe the Bay is too bigg for us to paſs over in our Canoes.

Major Maſcarene. I ſhall write to the Governour who is now at *Canſo*, of your Deſire, upon my Arrival at *Boſton*, and doubt not of His Compliance therewith, a few of you will be ſufficient to carry the Inſtrument I gave you at *Boſton*, to be Ratifyed by the Lieut. Governour or Commander in Chief, and I don't doubt but that thoſe that come will be made very welcome.

Loron. We have ſomething more to Offer. We obſerve that Capt. *Gyles* is Weakly and Sickly, and if he ſhould be removed by Death, we deſire that ſome body might be ſent down to *St. George's*, to take care of the Trade, we think Capt. *Smith* a proper Perſon, not but that we think Capt. *Gyles* behaves very well in the Place; this we mention ſides ways as it were. We have not heard any Anſwer to our Letter about ſome Frenchmen killing ſome of our People a great way up in the Country, we mention this becauſe the Governour told us if any Miſchiefs or Injuries ſhould happen, we ſhould Acquaint one another of it in order for Redreſs, We heard the Frenchmen were in Priſon at *Annapolis*.

The Lieut. Governour Acquainted them that he had received their Letter, and ſent an Anſwer to it, and then recited the Contents of the Letter, and alſo His Anſwer to it, both of which were afterwards produced and ſhewn to the Indians, and then acquainted the Indians that he had endeavoured by Examination and other Means to make out ſome Proof againſt the Frenchman mentioned in the Letter, and now under Confinement, but could find none, yet he kept the ſaid Frenchman a Priſoner at the Caſtle, where he remained at our coming away from *Boſton*. And upon the Indians deſire that Juſtice might be done on him, it was anſwer'd by the Lieut. Governour, That His Majeſty King GEORGE, by His Laws did not allow His Governours to meddle with Matters out of their own Provinces, but that all ſuch Facts muſt be Tryed in the Governments wherein they were Committed, and this being ſaid to be done, not in our Government, but in that of *Annapolis*, the Lieut. Governour ſaid he would ſend the Frenchman back thither, where they might Proſecute him, and that they would have a good

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Opportunity of doing it when they ſhould go thither to receive the Ratification of that Government, to which the Indians replyed they were fully ſatisfied and content that it ſhould be ſo.

Loron. Are the Indian Priſoners at *Boſton* in Health ?

Lt.Gov. Yes they are all very well.

Loron. We deſire to know whether it is expected that the *Penobſcuts* procure any Engliſh Priſoners before the Indian Priſoners are delivered, we have before ſeveral times acquainted the Governour we have not One with us.

Lt.Gov. We expect you do your utmoſt Endeavour to have the Engliſh Priſoners Reſtored.

Loron. Is it expected we ſhould buy the Engliſh Priſoners of the French ?

Lt.Gov. How do you underſtand that Article in the Treaty ?

Loron. As to the Articles we underſtand them fully, we have Acquainted the Governour we have not one Priſoner in our whole Tribe, we know of none, when we go home we ſhall ſend directly to *Canada*, and Acquaint them that we have made a Peace : The French *Indians* will then ask us preſently, how many Captives have you brought away with you ? We ſhall anſwer none. They will ſay, how does it look like a Peace, when you have not got the Captives ?

Lt.Gov. What do you mean by ſending to *Canada* ?

Loron. To *Arreſeguntecook.*

Lt.Gov. As to what you ſay, that you ſhall tell the French *Indians* you have not got any of the Captives, I have not told you that I would not deliver up the Captives, I deſign you ſhall have them all, I mean all ſuch as are in the Hands of the Government.

Loron. We ſpeak Truly, we have no *Engliſh* Captives in our Hands, but we ſpeak for the *Indians* for thoſe that are any where afar off, their Eyes are looking upon us, and we would willingly ſatisfy them as far as we can.

Lt. Gov. I deſign the Indian Captives ſhall be ſet at Liberty when I go to *Boſton*, and *Saccarexes* the Hoſtage ſhall alſo be ſet at Liberty.

There were ſeveral Perſons Attending whoſe Friends and Relations are in the Hands of the French, who were Recommended to the Indians for their Aſſiſtance in getting them Returned home.

Loron. As the Governour has Offer'd that the Indian Captives ſhall all be Reſtored and none kept back, ſo we ſay that we will make Search for any Captives that may be among the Tribes, and ſhall take care

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that they ſhall be Reſtored, and ſhall alſo do our utmoſt to get thoſe Redeemed that are in the Hands of the French. We ſhall not forget it, we have given Our Words, and repeated our Promiſes and Engagements, and our Words are Written down, and they will appear afterwards againſt us.

Thurſday Auguſt, 11*th*. 1726.

PRESENT as Before.

The CONFERENCE Contained in this and the Thirty-five foregoing Pages,* was diſtinctly Read over and Interpreted to **Wenemouett**, Chief Sachem of *Penobſcutt* Tribe, and the others of ſaid Tribe preſent at the ſaid Conference.

Whereupon the Lieut. GOVERNOUR asked them, if they underſtood it, and whether it was rightly taken down?

The **Indians** Anſwered, that the Conference was rightly taken down, and not a Word miſſing in it.

Which being done His Honour the Lieut. Governour to prevent Inſinuations of any Ill-minded Perſons, and for the more full Satisfaction of the Tribe of **Indians** now Aſſembled, Subſcribed his Name,

Wm. DUMMER.

And then delivered the ſame to **Wenemouett** Chief Sachem.

* The Original is contained in Thirty-ſix Pages in Writing.

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After which *Wenemouett* with the Under-written of his Principal Men Subſcribed and delivered the ſame to His Honour the Lieut. Governour.

Sachem

Wenemouett  Chief

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By Command of His Honour the Lieutenant Governour,

John Wainwright, Cl. Council.

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